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Credit if desired. See list of prices.

Banjos from \$1.50 up. Guitars from \$3.50 up.

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DIRECTOR PAYS VISIT TO SCHOOL

Pupils at Leigh Very Much Interested in Work of Times-Dispatch.

LETTER TO THE CHILDREN

Miss Brinkhaus Writes of Matters Interesting to Those in Great Contest.

Visiting the Leigh School yesterday to observe the work of the pupils, Miss Brinkhaus found many familiar faces of boys and girls who had called upon her at her office to view the sculpture which The Times-Dispatch is to give to the schools of Richmond, Manchester and Henrico county.

Miss Brinkhaus has many good things to say about the pupils of this school. She found the rooms neat and attractive, and the faces of the children bright and happy. The relief maps in some of the rooms are excellent, and the manual training work is worthy of favorable comment.

The director felt very much at home in Miss Zink's room, where she has many little friends, whose smiling faces gave her the best of welcome.

Seven H grade has a well-decorated room. Among the pictures hung there were the following: "George Washington," "Priscilla," "Sir Galahad," "Head of Christ," "Holmes," "St. Cecilia," "St. Augustine," "Madonna," "Lao," "Hermes of Praxiteles," "Reading from Homer," "Martha Washington," "The Glenora," and "Pharaoh's Horse."

Letter to Pupils. Following is the director's weekly letter to the pupils, which was inadvertently omitted yesterday:

Letter to Pupils. Miss Brinkhaus, director of the contest, writes as follows to the pupils:

The Times-Dispatch, Department of School-room Decoration. Dear Pupils—You will be glad to know that Miss Diana, for whom we have all

been waiting, has arrived, and is now holding her reception in the business office down on Main Street. I very much fear she may have had rather a rough passage down from Boston to Norfolk, for she seemed a long time coming. Perhaps, though, she stopped over a number of days in the exposition city before coming up the James River to Richmond. Miss Minerva moved up to Room 8 on Saturday. During one of the brief periods in which she and I were alone, she told me that she was very glad to be where she could listen to all the nice things which you say about her.

I suppose living so much among the goddesses of mythology turned my mind to something the other evening, which may seem very strange to you. It was the day I attended the meeting of the teachers of the rural schools, where I had listened to all the stories about what the country children do not have in their schools. I wondered, I don't know why, what goddess I should choose to be if I was beautiful enough to be chosen for such a high office. I thought and thought, and wished that in these modern days I might be the Goddess of Unselfishness. If I were the Goddess of Unselfishness, and you belonged to my realm, we should try to practice lots of good things in school and out. We can't make believe that we belong to a land of unselfishness at any rate, and no doubt believing will make it so. Let us see how we can apply the rules of this land to the contest:

When we wake in the morning, and brother or sister happens to have cut out the coupon before we get to it, we can smile and be glad that some one else is glad; that some other room or school is to benefit by it. We can be sure that the coupons, when we get them, are sent out carefully, and we can fill each one out carefully. This will be unselfishness, for it will save some one else the trouble. We can be glad not only that we ourselves are to be made happy by the beautiful contest, but we can be glad that the children who come near us are to enjoy the fruits of our labors.

Have you ever stopped to think that people who are courteous are really subjects of this goddess of unselfishness that I should like to be? For what is true courtesy if not unselfish thought of others, and where is true courtesy more needed than in the schoolroom?

When you grow up you will realize how unselfish were the teachers you had out the school days. Try to think now of what I mean, and ask yourselves whether you are unselfish in school and home.

There is one particular time in school life when pupils can show unselfishness, and that is when the regular teacher is away and a substitute has to take the room. Have you ever stopped to think that this is the time to unite and help the stranger teacher by showing her every courtesy of attention and good

conduct? Try to be—what shall I call you? Well, if I could be goddess of unselfishness, and you were my subjects, you would be cherubs, I think, and like the Donatello cherubs in my office, you would be happy, dancing cherubs, for the land of unselfishness would be the land of sunshine and happiness.

So much for the goddess that I am not. Now, I will tell you something that a little bird told me. Some days ago there was in the paper the story of a "girl coupon." A little bird told me that the pupils in one of our schools are going to write a boy coupon story. I wonder if the little bird was right. Hoping you had a pleasant Thanksgiving, and trusting that we shall all try to be as unselfish as we can, I am, Your friend, GERTRUDE L. BRINKHAUS, Director.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT IS AGAIN IN SESSION

Judges Return After Brief recess Taken for Thanksgiving.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals reconvened yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock with the following judges in attendance: Circuit Judges Goff and Pritchard, and District Judges Waddill and McDowell.

The cases argued were: The United States Leather Company, plaintiff in error, vs. E. H. Howell, defendant in error; in error to the Circuit Court at Charlotte, N. C. Cause argued by E. J. Justice of Greensboro, N. C., for the plaintiff in error and by Locke Craig, of Asheville, N. C., for the defendant in error and submitted.

The cases in the call to-day are the Virginia Tennessee and Carolina Steel and Iron Company, plaintiffs in error, vs. W. J. Harris, defendant in error; in error to the Circuit Court at Asheville, N. C. To be argued by Joseph A. Kelly, of Bristol, Va., and Charles A. Moore, of Asheville, N. C., for the plaintiffs in error, and by Louis Craig, of Asheville, N. C., for the defendant in error.

Frederick W. Ward, appellant, vs. John R. Hart, et al., appellees. Appeal from the Circuit Court at Parkersburg, W. Va. Cause to be argued by V. B. Archer, of Parkersburg, W. Va., for the appellants, and by John W. Davis, of Clarksville, W. Va., for the appellees.

William A. Dorricksen, master of schooner Ann J. Trainer, appellant, vs. A. Jensen, master of steamship Bayport, appellee. Cause to be argued by Edward R. Baird, of Norfolk, Va., for the appellant, and by Floyd Hughes, of Norfolk, Va., for the appellee.

Evidently Knows Men. Mrs. Parsons doesn't place any restriction on the number of "trial marriages" a man may contract—Nashville American.

VANDEBILTS BUY CONTROL OF C. & O.

Officials of Road Credit Rumor of Pennsylvania Sale of Stock.

ALREADY CONTROL BIG FOUR

Will Have Clear Sweep From the Chesapeake Bay Through Cincinnati to Chicago.

The news received here yesterday that the Vanderbilt estate had purchased through Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Company, the New York bankers and brokers, 150,000 shares of Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company stock, owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, came in the nature of a surprise.

It has been known for several months that the Pennsylvania had determined to sell its holdings both in Norfolk and Western and Chesapeake and Ohio on account of the antagonism of the courts regarding combinations.

The Norfolk and Western stock was sold some time ago, and now the report comes that the Chesapeake and Ohio stock has been disposed of in like manner.

President Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, is in Washington, where he is attending a conference with the various railroad presidents of Virginia railroads, but a very high official of the Chesapeake and Ohio said last night that he believed the report of the sale of Chesapeake and Ohio stock to the Vanderbilts was true. He based his belief on the fact that Kuhn, Loeb & Company are very close to the Pennsylvania officials, and that the Vanderbilts are already large holders in the Chesapeake and Ohio road, and have for a long time been anxious to extend their holdings.

A Clear Sweep.

The total stock issue of the Chesapeake and Ohio is 67,000 shares. Of this amount, the Vanderbilts already own 12,000 shares, and with their new purchase of 150,000 shares will own 20,000 shares, within 20,000 shares of an absolute control. In fact the ownership of 20,000 shares means a control except in case of a bitter voting war.

The Vanderbilts, through the New York Central Railroad Company, control the Big Four (C. & C. and St. L.) and so

Makes Red Blood Grape-Nuts

require no cooking.

Read "Road to Wellville," in pkg.

"There's a Reason."

they will have a clear sweep from Norfolk to Chicago.

A well known railroad man and financier said that the purchase of the Chesapeake and Ohio stock by the Vanderbilts was the cause of the recent strength shown by Chesapeake and Ohio securities.

On Sunday the Chesapeake and Ohio inspection party returned to Richmond, after having made a trip over the entire system. In the party were Mr. F. I. Cabell, engineer of maintenance of way; Mr. F. D. Isner, division engineer; and Mr. Charles Stephens, supervisor of signals.

Railway Operation.

From a few advance figures issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission for the year ended June 30, 1906, it is possible to make some comparisons of the results of railway operation in the United States for the last and previous years. For the fiscal years 1905 and 1906 the totals are as follows:

	1905	1906
Mileage of railways.....	22,319,700	22,417,423
Gross earnings.....	\$1,239,700,000	\$1,075,171,323
Operating expenses.....	\$1,020,100,000	\$912,000,000
Net earnings.....	\$219,600,000	\$163,171,323
Operating expenses per mile.....	45.66	40.65
Net earnings per mile.....	9.85	7.28

MAY REACH A THOUSAND.

Number of Marriage Licenses for 1906 Will Break Record.

The number of marriage licenses issued in November, 1906, was 104, of which 68 were to white couples and 36 to negroes. In November, 1905, the total number of licenses was 107. In October, 1906, the number was 92, compared with 99 in 1905, making the number for October and November the same in both years. June was the best month for matrimony this year, the number of licenses then being 107, compared with 115 in June, 1905.

The total number of marriage licenses for eleven months of the current year is 84, compared with 81 for the eleven months of 1905, an increase of 3 for 1906. During the twelve months of 1905 the number of licenses was 929, of which 541 were to whites and 388 to negroes. Of the 29 in 1906, the number issued in December was 118. Assuming that December, 1906, will keep up the record of the previous year, the number of licenses for 1906 will reach 942, and it will probably exceed that, and may reach 1,000 for the year. This would be a record-breaker and a convincing evidence of the city's prosperity.

Two Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following couples: L. Fleming Fuller to Miss M. Bell Vaughan, who will be married to-day; John H. DuBogue to Miss Nettie O. Bowers, who were married yesterday.

DABNEY COULD NOT FORGET LIGHT PLANT

Caught Himself Talking on Familiar Subject in Unaccustomed Place.

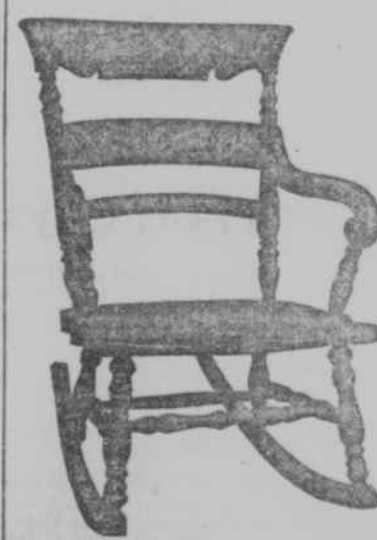
The Royal Arcanum Council at Chase City had a big public rally on Thanksgiving night at the hotel, followed by a sumptuous banquet. There was a large crowd present, including many ladies, and the occasion was one of genuine enjoyment. Grand Regent Dabney, as the official visitor from the Grand Council on this occasion, and the Alderman spoke in a most pleasing manner. His speech was a strong presentation of the principles and objects of the Arcanum, and his telling points were interspersed with humorous anecdotes. His effort was well received and heartily applauded, and the joke is told on him that after taking a drink of Chase City's refreshing water at the climax of one of his eloquent points, he began his next division by saying: "Now, my friends, this electric light plant—I mean, of course, this great fraternity—the point being that he has become so

Modes Japonique.

Craze for Ioriva. Paper fans and paper parasols. The marvelous Japanese embroidery. Ceilings paneled in the rare Jap embroidery.

The utilization of the sleeve as an everyday pocket. Alas! that with the countless adaptations we have not yet attained their simplicity.

This Rocker in Your Home



Just now, when Christmas is edging so near, is a splendid time to provide your home with extra Rockers and other pieces of quality Furniture.

Surprise "her" with some useful and lasting gift. These Chairs are made to last, to add to the attractiveness of the home and for comfort.

We have bought heavily and wisely for the holiday trade. You every want in Furniture and other home furnishings has been anticipated. A visit will suggest many things.

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